



THE FLAME

First United Methodist Church, LaGrange, GA

“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”

Guidelines For Church Membership

*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another”
(1 Peter 4:10)*

Seen in the newsletter of First United Methodist Church Franklin, NC...

“From time to time, we need to be reminded of the fact that we joined the church...

...NOT to receive special attention, but to render special service;

...NOT to get our name on the roll, but to get God’s kingdom into our hearts;

...NOT to promote our private secular business, but to become a partner in God’s business;

*...NOT to be petted and nursed as a baby, but to grow in Christian maturity;
...NOT to improve our own earthly reputation, but to strengthen our Christian character;*

...NOT to be served, but to serve;

...NOT to be praised by others, but to direct others to the praise of God alone;

...NOT to save our own souls alone, but to help save others;

...NOT to do as we would please, but to be found pleasing God;

...NOT to make our own rules, but to live by God’s rules;

...NOT to appear respectable to others, but to become respectable to God;

...NOT to find a group of perfect people, but to worship a perfect God;

...NOT to show how good we are, but to learn how good we can become;

...NOT because God’s church might fail without us, but because we might fail without God’s church.”

If everyone at LaGrange First U.M.C. practiced being the kind of church member described above, what kind of church would we have? Better still, if everyone practiced their membership in the above ways in our community, how would our community be different?

My prayer is that each and every one of us will continue to find ways to be the “hands and feet of Jesus” in our world, and that we’ll have the grace and courage to be faithful in whatever it is that God wants us to do.

Always remember, God loves you and I do, too!

Pastor Brian

July 26, 2015
9th Sunday after Pentecost

***Early Worship Service**

9:00am in the Chapel

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

***Morning Glory**

9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Mr. Blake Trent, preaching

***Traditional Service**

11:00am in the Sanctuary

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

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***Korean Worship Service**

11:00am in the Chapel

Rev. Daniel Kim

August 2, 2015

10th Sunday after Pentecost

***Early Worship Service**

9:00am in the Chapel

Rev. Adam Roberts, preaching

***Morning Glory**

9:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Dr. Brian Germano, preaching

***Traditional Service**

11:00am in the Sanctuary

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**Child care is provided.*

**** Story Hour** is for 2 & 3 yr. olds in Room 107 of the Children’s Building from 11am to 12 noon.

Children’s Church is for children ages 1st grade and younger in room 203. A leader will escort the children from the 11:00 worship service.



The “Figure at the Door”.....DVD and audio CDs are now available. If you missed the last radio play or would like to see/hear it again, please stop by the office and pick up a DVD or CD.

Wednesday Evening Weekly

Serving from 5pm to 6:30pm

NO WEW Meal on July 29, 2015

WEW Meal on August 5, 2015.

Menu: Homemade Pizza, salad bar, dessert.

Children: Same & PB & J sandwiches.

*****Our Regular WEW resumes August 26th*****

Call or email the church office at 884-4635 by NOON on MONDAY to make or change your reservation.

The cost is: \$0 for those 2 years & under; \$3 for those 3 years-12th grade; and \$6 for adults.

Believe It or Not...

School will begin August 10th...that's 3 weeks from now! Our School Shepherds will need to be ready to assist children with school supplies and/or clothes the week before and the first week of school. You have all been so supportive of this Back-to-School Ministry, and you have touched so many young lives through your generosity, we just can't stop now. Please help keep this initiative going by making a donation. We have a lot of school supplies left from last year to begin the year, but we do need some items. Because the requirements change each year for needed items, we really need monetary gifts this year. Thank you on behalf of each little child that will begin a fresh new year with a new and positive outlook because of you.



REMEMBRANCES RECEIVED

Memorials

Mr. Tom Stanley - Katherine Cook, Carol Freeman, Jennie Wadsworth, Debra & Dean Jackson, Laura Shedd, Faye & Cliff Rainey, Mary Anne & H.R. Shepherd, The Towns Family-Mae, Travis & Marion, Dusty & Carlene Mills, Laura & Blair Harlan, Lonnie & Bobbie Ritchie, Gary & Jane Stephens, The Alise Family, Jane Williams, Shirra & Hoyt Rogers, Carole & Kelly Linch, Jane Newman, Donna & Richard Ennis, Adult Fellowship Sunday School Class, Jackie & John Huckstep, Libba Traylor, Brian & Martha Boggs, Jane Willey, Ann Thomas, Earl Cook, Claire Plymel, Johnny & Mary Lee Latham, Marianne & Walter Murphy, Murbes Shepherd

Mrs. Bobby Hamilton - Faye & Cliff Rainey, Mary Anne & H.R. Shepherd, Mac Stout, Marianne & Walter Murphy

Mrs. Margie Williamson - Mens Bible Class, Mary Anne & H.R. Shepherd, Libba Traylor

FUMC Fall Kickoff August 19th

5:00pm Tailgate Meal
6:00pm Special Music & Guest Speaker, Chad Gibbs, author of the book, God and Football.



Thank You, Renée.....Welcome, Callie

We want to acknowledge our deep appreciation to Renée Hemsing Patten for her dedicated, effective, and excellent leadership of our orchestra since January of this year. Renée and her husband, Zach, are preparing to move to Boulder next month where they will both pursue doctorates in music at the University of Colorado. We hope and pray the very best for them.

We are excited that Callie Hammond has agreed to assume the orchestra director position at our church, so that the orchestra will continue offering their talents in the service of worship.

George Henry, Music Committee



Pastor Brian held staff meeting at Chick fil a on Commerce Avenue so that we could all celebrate Chick fil a's Appreciation Day on July 14th.

August Thursday Lunch Club

Make plans now to attend the Thursday Lunch Club luncheon on August 6th at 12 noon in the fellowship hall for a delicious meal and a very entertaining program presented by the Criswell Family.

Cost is only \$6 per person. Please call 706-884-4635 or email: churchoffice@lagrangefumc.org to reserve your seat and lunch.



AUGUST USHER COMMITTEE

Charles Stevens, Captain

James Spivey
Bobby Carmichael
Wayne Shelnett
Bob Harris
Lenny Bateman

Quillian Baldwin
Dan McAlexander
Richard Ennis
Danny Arp
Callum McCay

Jay Russell
Mack Reese
Bill Young
Bowen Beall

ALTAR GUILD

Nancy Stevens, Chair
Catherine Carmical
Ida Russell

Jo Crawford
Susan Hinson

Jennie Gordy
Patti Lybrand

Youth: Taylor Jones & Ashley Wilder

MORNING GLORY — Sharon Jones

COMMUNION

Belinda Borders, Betty Johnson, Joyce Morgan Young

Children's Ministry

Grayson Bailey, Director
grayson.bailey@gmail.com or 706-884-4635



Our children were very excited to be a part of welcoming their new pastor.

TO PARENTS OF RISING THIRD GRADERS
If your child is a rising third grader, they will receive an engraved Bible on Promotion Sunday. If you would like one for your child, please let Grayson or Avery know at childrens@lagrangefumc.org as soon as possible.

PROMOTION SUNDAY, Sunday, August 9
All children except rising 6th graders will come to the Sunday School assembly room at 10:00. They will be making new nameplates for their classroom doors and kicking off the school year.

On Wednesday, August 12, we will have a movie night for children ages 5th grade and younger. It will be in our regular Sunday School assembly classroom at 5:45. Bring your pillows and blankets, and we will bring the drinks and snacks!

Summer Camp

Lindsey Cole, Director
dayschool@lagrangefumc.org or 706-333-9460



Our campers caught a load of fish last week. **Thank You Hoyt Rogers, Steve Cole, Anthony Robinson, Jase Crenshaw, Pete Contorno, Jeff Anderson, and Mickey McCoy** for helping us catch all those fish! And, **Thank You** to Wayne Godwin & Steve Cole for cooking all those fish to serve to our Soup Kitchen guests on Monday.

Youth Ministry

Kali Grenus, Director
kgrenus@lagrangefumc.org or 321.624.4557



Sr. High Mission Trip, 2015
Bayou La Batre, Alabama



August 5th @ 5:30pm
Tickets are \$10

Space is limited
Sign up by July 26th!



August 2nd
12pm till 10pm
\$40, includes lunch & dinner
Sign-up by July 26th

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To reach all other employees and/or volunteers,
 please call the church office.

We always look forward to hearing from you.



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FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

Needed Weekly	\$ 23,919.59
Given Last Week	\$ 22,315.18
Needed YTD	\$ 693,668.11
Received YTD	\$ 708,381.34

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, July 12

Sunday School.....	199
Worship Service.....	366

ATTENDANCE, Sunday, July 19

Sunday School.....	216
Worship Service.....	322

IN MEMORIAM

Tom Stanley III
July 9, 2015

Thank you to everyone who furnished the delicious goodies for the recent receptions honoring our clergy.

We have a number of trays and decorative plates in the kitchen that were left after those gatherings. If you are missing yours, please drop by the kitchen and pick it up.

Thanks.

Church Flowers

If you would like to place flowers in the church during any of our church services, please call the church office at 706-884-4635. We can find a Sunday for you to place flowers in honor or in memory of someone very special to you.

Thank you,
 Altar Guild

Calendar for July 26 - August 1

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:45am	Sunday School
Monday	
11:00-11:30am	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday	
10:00am	Dulcimer Class
7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
Thursday	
9:45am	Prayer Group
Friday	
7:00am	Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

Calendar for August 2 - August 8

Sunday	* Nursery
*Worship Services	
*9:45am	Sunday School
Monday	
11:00-11:30am	Meals On Wheels & Soup Kitchen
Tuesday	
9:00am	Community Care
7:00pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	
11:30am	Soup Kitchen-Sack Lunch
Thursday	
9:00am	Community Care
9:45am	Prayer Group
12:00	Thursday Lunch Club
Friday	
7:00am	Men’s Coffee & Prayer Group
Saturday	

Item Needed for August
Ramen Noodles